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DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 51 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR IDENTITY THEFT

RE: UNITED STATES v. LISA MYRICK LUCAS

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that Lisa Myrick Lucas, age 31, of Caledonia, New York, was sentenced by the Honorable Michael A. Telesca, United States District Court Judge, to prison for 51 months, a period of supervised release of 5 years, and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$84,441, in connection with her guilty plea on June 13, 2005 to aggravated identity theft and mail fraud.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who handled the case, stated that the defendant engaged in a scheme to defraud from August 2004, continuing through to December 2004, when she was working at K&H Precision in Honeoye Falls, New York. The defendant fraudulently ordered a company credit card in the name of an 86-year-old woman, who did not work for K&H Precision. The defendant then had the 86-year-old woman withdraw large amounts of cash using the credit card.

In another but related scheme, while her supervisor at K&H Precision was out of town, the defendant ordered credit cards using the supervisor's name and social security number. The credit cards were sent in the mail to K&H Precision. The defendant then took the credit cards, set up an internet account under the 86-year-old woman's name, and made internet purchases using the fraudulently obtained credit cards.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Ronald Walker.